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Rose cultivates political interest

By Rob Sawicki
Contributing Writer

In a country where many citizens, especially young people, are apathetic toward our political system, it's great to see someone trying to get more people to take advantage of the freedom of their democracy.

Dr. Gary L. Rose, a political science professor, is doing exactly that, accomplishing this feat in a number of ways.

In the classroom, Rose helps his students grasp how the political system and our government work. He explains the principles on which our democracy was built, and how the political landscape has changed over the course of American history.

But, according to his students, the most important thing he teaches is where we, the people, fit into this system, and how we

can improve its effectiveness.

Rose has had a clear understanding of where individuals fit into politics since he was very young. His parents worked on John F. Kennedy's Presidential campaign in the state of Connecticut in 1960.

He still recalls fond memories of that campaign season. "I recently went into the garage of my parents' house," remembers Rose, "and I came across the Kennedy for President sign I made that summer."

Rose also reflects back on another fond childhood political memory. "I can recall going with my mother to see JFK give a speech during the 1960 campaign," he says. "It is something that I'll never forget."

Rose believes that getting a

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SG evaluated, elections near Greater level of student enthusiasm desired

By Cheryl Casey
Contributing Writer

Sacred Heart University affords students the opportunity to have their voices heard in the form of Student Government. As election time approaches, the Dean of Students and the Coordinator of Student Activities are evaluating the effectiveness of the organization and the best possible methods for getting students involved.

In a recent press conference, Dean of Students, Kevin Kelly, admitted that "the credibility levels of those involved in Student Government have gone down." Students may be questioning what difference Student Government actually makes on campus, he added.

With the growing population on campus, the Student Government has been adapting to the changes and "trying to stay on

target," said Denise Sutphin, the coordinator of student activities. She is pleased with the current structure of the government and felt it only needed "someone to focus solely on Student Government."

"The people in Student Government right now are trying really hard to be effective," explained Sutphin. "It's hard to be effective when the student body knows little or nothing about you."

Kelly felt "the Student Government members have not done a good job tooting their own horns or patting themselves on the back." They can be an effective group, Sutphin added.

One problem in the lack of interest on campus. Although close to half of the student body is actively involved as a member of a group, only 20 percent of the student holds an elected or appointed position on campus, explained Kelly. Sutphin added that only about 10 to 15 percent of the

student body voted in the last elections.

"Some negative things have happened in the past, so not many people have run for positions," Sutphin pointed out. "I don't know if it's been a positive job on this campus. We need the right people to make it positive."

The time that students have to devote to government has also decreased with the growth of the school. "With time, as we've increased and added sports teams, it has spread out people's schedules," Kelly asserted. Resident students have more of an opportunity to be involved in so many more activities, which takes away from the attention they could be paying to government.

Sutphin echoed Kelly's sen-

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Senior tri-captain Kim McCullion looks to drive while sophomore Chrissie Perkins looks on in Sunday's 74-67 loss to Albany in the first round of the NECC playoffs. See story page 12.

Photo by Chris Nicholson

SHU Students to fight in 'war'

By Erin E. Harrison
Assistant News Editor

This weekend Sacred Heart University will be holding a voluntary draft for students interested in going to war.

SHU is holding its first-ever "War Weekend," sponsored by the Student Events Team. It will begin Friday night, March 1, at 9 p.m. in the Pub with Bouncin' Box and Jousting.

The Bouncin' Box event en-

tails a "moonwalk" type box in which students have a partner to playfully fight with.

In addition to this fun, there will be a movie marathon in the West Hall Great Room at 11 p.m. on Friday. Food and refreshments will be served.

On Saturday, March 2, a "Capture the Flag" type game entitled, "Gotcha" will be held. Two or three teams will be appropriated by the Student Events Team, depending upon student turn-out.

The object of this game is to hide the flag and guard it. Prizes will be distributed at the end of the weekend.

"If we get a good turn out for the weekend, we plan on doing it again," commented first-year student Mike Dutton.

Dutton, an international business and Spanish double major from Feeding Hills, Mass., is chairperson of the Student Events Team which is sponsoring the weekend.

Don't be a draft dodger! Come out and fight.

Discover SHU music

By Bethany Treffs
News Editor

The SHU-String School is perhaps one of the most overlooked aspects of Sacred Heart. But why? With a faculty rich in talent and enthusiasm and an enrollment of students ranging from four-year-old children to senior citizens, the SHU-String school is a unique and exciting dimension of the University.

Sacred Heart's music faculty brings a "high level to their teaching" due to the fact that they are all professional, "seasoned performers," remarked Professor of Music Leland Roberts.

The SHU-String School, which has been part of the University since the 1979-1980 academic year, is a division of continuing education. According to Bernice Stochek, director of the SHU-String School, the program has seen tremendous growth since the 1990s.

"In the last five or six years we've really exploded with students," Stochek said.

The recent residential atmosphere has facilitated more student involvement with the SHU-String School, observed Roberts.

Many students in the music program have high school experience, Roberts continued, and the quality of the students is consistently increasing.

"I'm very happy and optimistic about the direction the student talent is going in," commented Stochek. Students in SHU's music program have won awards in music competitions such as "All-State"

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NEWS BRIEFS

Compiled by Bethany Treffs

Nursing major information session

For the student planning to apply to the nursing major for fall 1996 please put on your calendar the information session scheduled for March 7 in room North 214 from 9:25 - 10:25 a.m.

Dr. Cynthia Eberhart, assistant director of undergraduate nursing programs, will review the process and criteria for admission into the nursing major. It is important that you attend. Dr. Eberhart and Dr. Anne Barker, director of nursing programs, look forward to meeting with you. If you have any questions feel free to call 371-7715 or stop by the nursing office in North 215.

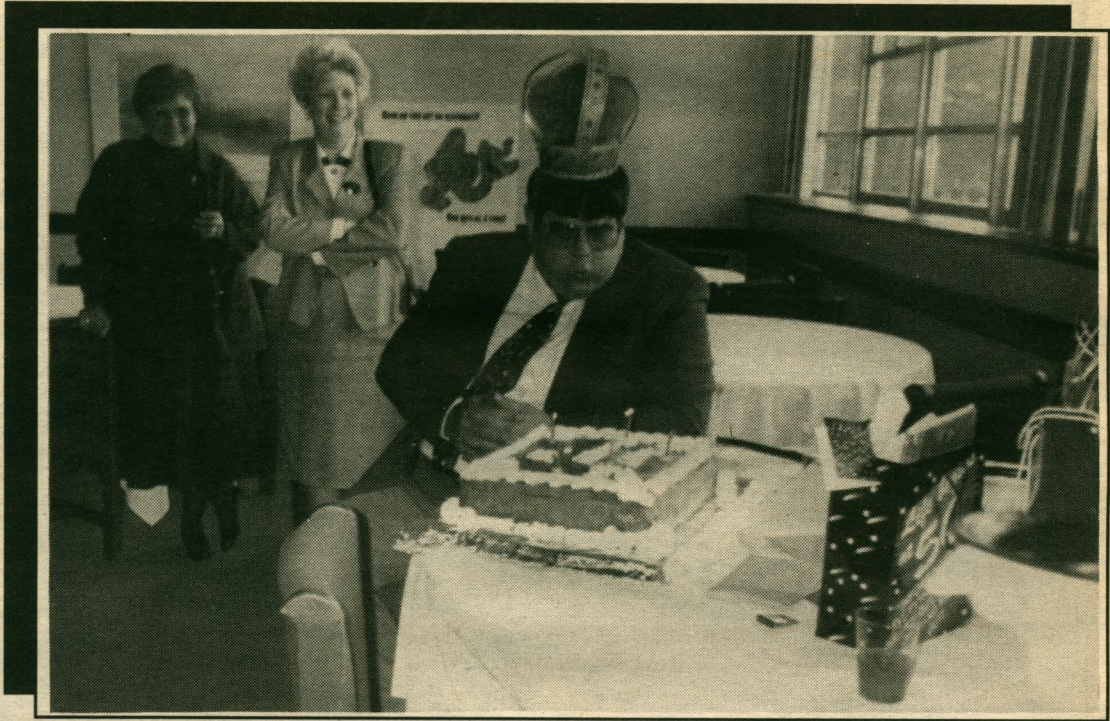
Well-known historian to lecture at SHU

Portugal, Spain and the expeditions to the New World that they sponsored will be the subject of a special lecture to be given at Sacred Heart University by William D. Phillips Jr., a noted authority on Christopher Columbus and his times.

A history professor at the University of Minnesota, Phillips will speak at 5:30 p.m., March 6 in the Schine Auditorium. The subject of his lecture will be "Spain, Portugal and the Opening of the Atlantic." The event is free and open to the public.

Phillips teaches *Medieval Europe, Medieval Spain* and *World History* courses at the University of Minnesota. He has written and lectured extensively. His books include, *The Worlds of Christopher Columbus* (Cambridge University Press), *Slavery from Roman Times to the Early Transatlantic Trade* (University of Minnesota Press) and *Enrique IV and the Crisis of Fifteenth-Century Castile, 1425-1480* (Medieval Academy of America).

Phillips' lecture is sponsored by the history faculty and Continuing Education Department at Sacred Heart University and The Vasco da Gama Fund of the National Commission for the Commemoration of the Portuguese Discoveries.



Make a wish! Dr. Edward Malin, acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, blows out the candles at his surprise birthday reception Monday. Faculty and staff were on hand to help celebrate Malin's half-century mark

Photo by Bethany Treffs

Health insurance concerns SHU international students

By Yukiyo Koita
Contributing Writer

Controversies exist about health insurance for students at the University. Students have to be enrolled in an insurance company either through school or by a family insurance policy for accident and sickness benefits.

According to the university's *Guide For Undergraduate and Graduate Students*, "international students must participate in the university plan," which means the Student Health Insurance Program.

Even if international students carry insurance in their countries, because they cannot go back to their countries in case of emergency, they must be enrolled in the insurance plan, explained Health Service Director Sheila Wheeler.

Tomoko Suzuki, from Japan, complained that she does not need to be enrolled in the school insur-

ance plan because she has overseas insurance coverage for accidents and sickness in foreign countries. But she is forced to be enrolled in the school insurance plan because of Sacred Heart's policy.

Wheeler said that it is difficult to contact the insurance company which the international students are enrolled in, so they must be enrolled in the school plan.

Even if international students feel they really do not need the school insurance plan, "We feel they do need insurance," said Wheeler. "They can receive quality health care through a health care service on campus. It really protects international students from incurring large medical bills."

She added that if the insurance company in which international students are enrolled has a branch office in the United States and Wheeler could contact to the branch office, the students do not need to be enrolled in the school plan.

However, many international students are not aware of this, so they enroll in the school plan.

Michiyo Ukai came from Japan and did not know about the special case. She enrolled in the school plan in spite of being enrolled in an overseas insurance company called The Travelers, which has a branch office in the states.

"School insurance costs me \$285. It is not cheap. If I knew about the special case, I did not need to pay \$285," complained Ukai.

Wheeler said, "Even if you paid \$285, if you had a bad sickness, you would spend this much on only one visit to a doctor." If you enroll in another insurance company, it will cost you more, so school insurance is not very expensive.

If you are still not enrolled in any insurance plan, visit Wheeler at the Health Center located on Park Avenue for more information.

Interested in a career in education?

Personnel Salaries in Selected School Districts 1994-1995

District	Superintendent	Average Salary		Salary Range**	
		Principal	Teacher *	Low	High
Bridgeport	\$ 104,960	73,692	47,427	30,000	60,705
New Haven	116,480	81,956	52,342	29,373	70,549
Hartford	106,000	77,669	59,719	29,547	71,326
Fairfield	116,982	84,794	56,177	32,439	72,867
Monroe	101,638	77,418	51,881	29,840	63,670
Stratford	96,993	77,498	52,696	30,262	72,161
Trumbull	111,910	87,388	56,641	31,812	71,778
State Average	89,358	75,867	51,118	NA	NA

* Includes all full-time certified personnel (teachers, psychologists, social workers, guidance counselors) ** Salaries as of October 1, 1994

By Bethany Treffs
News Editor

Teachers. It seems their days are never long enough, their classes never small enough and their paychecks never big enough.

But wait.

Data of personnel salaries in

selected school districts for the 1994-1995 school year, taken from *A Parent's Guide to the Bridgeport School Budget* reveal that this is not necessarily the case.

The average teacher salary (the term "teacher" encompassing all full-time certified personnel) in the state of Connecticut was determined to be \$51,118, a sum

not to be sniffed at. Overall, Bridgeport teachers received the lowest average salary of \$47,427 while Hartford teachers enjoyed the highest at \$59,719.

Teacher salaries, as of Oct. 1, 1994, ranged from a low of \$29,373 (New Haven) to a high of \$72,867 (Fairfield).

Not too bad, huh?

Government: on target

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timents. "In the past two years, Student Government hasn't been the most effective because the same people are doing five leadership roles on campus and they are spreading themselves too thin. I have the same leaders in my office year after year."

Sutphin felt that if someone could be found who could "give their all to Student Government."

One proposal for bringing qualified students into the gov-

ernment is to offer a leadership stipend as part of financial aid. The number of hours would put into the position as well as the position itself will be taken into consideration.

"Students can't give the time because they need to get jobs and be able to support themselves," explained Sutphin. By offering financial assistance, students may find the opportunity to become involved.

"The members that we have in Student Government really care," said Sutphin. "I hope that we can get more of them."

Be a student leader....



Join Student Government

Music: SHU faculty to shine in fourth annual recital

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competitions, she added.

University and local community members are welcomed to enjoy the talent of the music department this weekend. The SHU music faculty will be showcasing their abilities at the SHU-String Faculty Recital which will take place in the Schine Auditorium at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 3. This is the fourth year that the music faculty has performed this event.

Roberts believes the highlight of the recital to be the variety of music involved. Selections ranging from classical to ragtime will be performed. All faculty involved in the recital are also performing artists, noted Roberts.

SHU's music program is well known in the greater Bridgeport area, and it provides non-credit instruction for all ages. Aside from providing individual instrument and voice lessons, the music department is responsible for supplying music for campus functions such as convocations and special events.

"I see a real need to have these professional musicians around," Roberts emphasized.

The University owes it to students to have music available to them, agreed Stochek, who believes music to be an exciting aspect of SHU. She cites the music program as "a wonderful window for the outside world to see the University."



(From left) Bernice Stochek, Kate O'Brien, Leland Roberts and Charolette Moulyn rehearse for Sunday's SHU-String Faculty Recital.

Photo by Bethany Treffs

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Involved: Rose stresses democracy

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strong involvement in the two major political parties at the grass-roots level is the only way to strengthen our democracy. He also feels that a college campus is a good place to develop that involvement.

Aside from students being involved in politics as informed voters, Rose constantly helps students become directly involved within the inner-workings of our government through internships at both the state and federal levels.

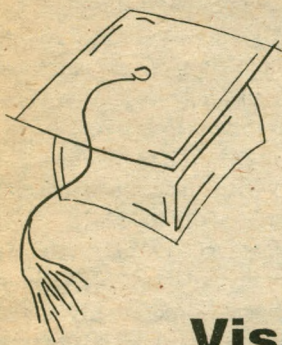
We live in a country where great men died to give us the freedom to choose our leaders. In the last Presidential election only 55% of those eligible to take advantage

of that right opted to do so. Sadly, that number was higher than it had been over the last 30 years.

Rose is someone who is desperately trying to bring that number up. He can't turn it around single handedly, but, for each person he gets involved within our political system, the stronger our democracy becomes.

And for that, he should be applauded.

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SG tries to raise interests

As one walks down the hallway, one can't help but be bombarded with signs pleading for involvement in the upcoming student government elections. The current SG should be commended for their attempts at getting people to at least run for all the student elected offices.

However the theme of the advertising seems to be "stop complaining and do something about it." This does not make any sense. You see, most of the complaining that has been done centers around SG's failure to be able to do anything, and it is this that has kept the numbers down in elections.

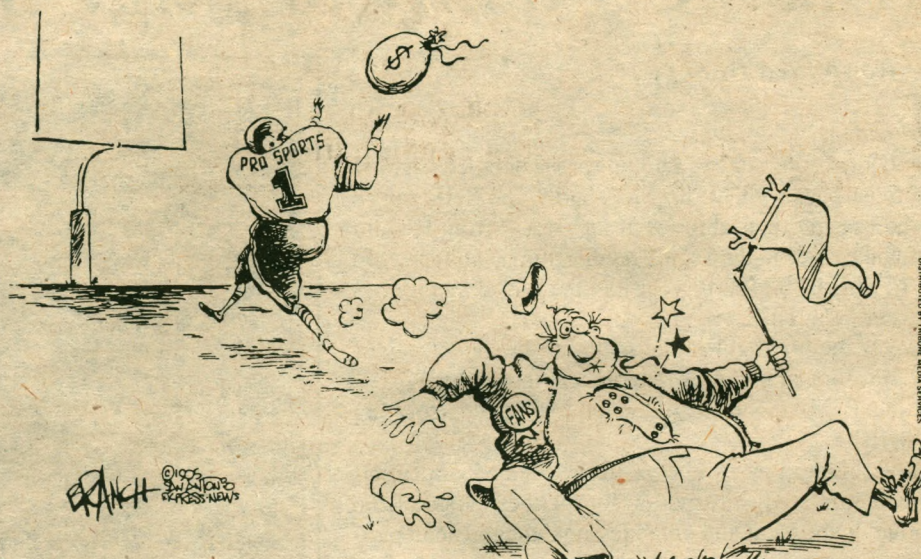
We would encourage people to get out and participate in the election, but only if you care to make a change. Not if you just want to be in charge of complaining.

Wake up and smell the '90's

Sacred Heart has now been forced into the 90's. When an article ran last week about homophobia, many people snickered. It is probably even safe to say that people were astonished that such an article ran. The general consensus around this University has always been that there are no gay people at Sacred Heart. Well now we know that is wrong.

Maybe now, due to the actions of a proud and strong man, we here at Sacred Heart will realize that a gay lifestyle is not something that is taboo and that should be swept under the table. It is very real, and is just as much a part of contemporary society as watching the Super Bowl.

Mr. Hudson's words speak for themselves. However, they shouldn't have to speak for all the other gay men and women who still do not feel comfortable on this campus. For them, one can only hope they see that the times are changing. And for those students who remain close-minded about this issue, we ask that you open your hearts and minds.



A SHU-CHIP?

By Stephen P. Scholz
Associate Editor

Several weeks ago our government passed the much debated Telecommunications Act. This piece of legislation allows the government to censor what we do and say on the Internet as well as what we see on our own TV screens.

One example of this is the V-CHIP. The chip is a tiny, electronic device which will be implanted directly into the brains of American citizens around the country in an attempt to regulate violent and "indecent" behavior.

Oh...I'm sorry that's the V-CHIP 2000, part of the Humancommunications Act which hasn't been passed yet but is apparently gaining a lot of momentum down in the halls of D.C.

The real V-CHIP, which the Telecommunications Act requires all new television sets be equipped with, censors out violent and "inappropriate" material from TV programs. The biggest questions in my mind is what's violent, "indecent" and "inappropriate" material, who says so and who is doing the censoring?

The very thought that people in powerful positions have devised a way to justifiable censor what we see on TV is not only a violation of our freedom and rights but simply...mind boggling!

Can you just imagine the con-

sequences if at some point in the future other people in powerful positions were able to implement different chips to regulate our freedoms of speech and thought? The very thought makes me cringe.

And how long would it take for our own University to cash in on the idea and introduce some sort of Student Technology Pro-

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gram which would mandate that all incoming first-year students be required to have a specially designed SHU-CHIP implanted into their heads?

Obviously this SHU-CHIP would serve only in the best interests of the students themselves since it would censor free and critical thinking.

Thus students would not have to deal with all the frustration of trying to solve "indecent" and "inappropriate" inquiries such as:

Why is it that I am paying all this money in tuition to attend a COLLEGE yet I am sitting in a classroom and taking courses at a nearby HIGH SCHOOL? Or, how

can the University be building a new 10 story residence hall right smack in the middle of a residential area and not expect there to be clashes between students and neighbors?

Of course if this chip were ever to become a reality it would also include some sort of Emotion Motivating Device which would generate excitement in students over university plans such as the new sports complex, for example, even though it was promised years ago (this last one makes me wonder if the SHU-CHIP already exists and we have all become unknowing victims of mind-altering sabotage.)

But I digress. Perhaps I am being too pessimistic about all this. Perhaps the thought of the University one day being able to consciously control and shape our views and ideologies is all a figment of my imagination.

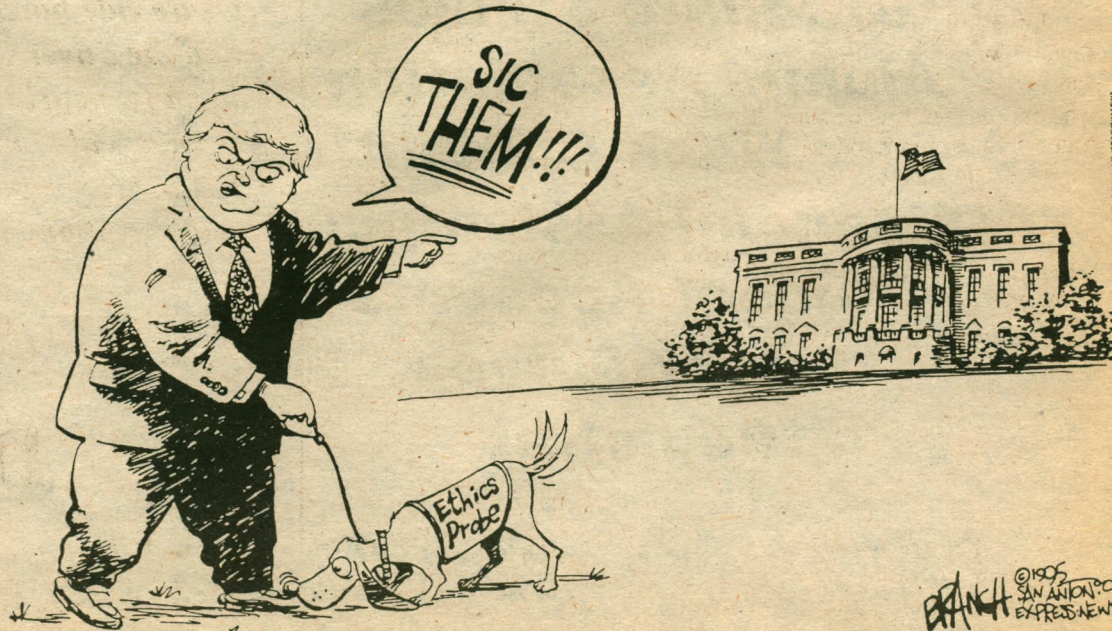
After all, we still have the capacity to think freely and speak out about whatever ideas we have on our minds. Right?

Hey, even if our worst nightmare was to one day become reality, there's still hope.

If we get lucky maybe the University will hire DEC (Digital Equipment Corporation) to manufacture the SHU-CHIP. And since no one around here can seem to keep first-year students' DEC laptop computers running properly, we'll all be saved!

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NEWS FROM TULSA

By **Chris Nicholson**
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Memories come and go, but moments last forever.

No, wait a minute...that's not right. It's: Moments come and go, but memories are hard to remember.

No.... Oh, right: Moments come and go home, and memories are all alone in the lampshade.

Oh, just skip it.

Last week I prepared a reunion between myself and an old friend. Well, the friend is not old. She is my age, give or take a year. The friendship is old. But maybe I should qualify that statement too. The friendship is old if you count total years, not by consecutive ones.

You see, until last Thursday, Sue and I had not spoken for almost 36 moons. (For those of you who are not familiar with Native American calendars, a "moon" is a large rocky object [like an asteroid] that revolves around a larger rocky object [like Roseanne] in a vast vacuum of space [like Steve Forbes' head]. The planet Jupiter has something like 36 moons. To travel to Jupiter would take, in Earth time, at least three years. Therefore, "36 moons" translates to "about three years.")

Sue asked me why we lost contact with each other.

"Chris," she said, because *Chris* is my

real name, "why did we lose contact with each other?"

"Well," I said, though *Well* is not her real name, "remember the last time we talked on the phone?"

"Yeah."

"Remember I got off the phone because I was in the middle of something?"

"Yeah."

"Would you believe I just finished it?"

(Alright, for those of you who are still stuck on the "36 moons" thing: I know that Jupiter does not have 36 moons. It has 120. But most of those are tax-deductible, so you end up with only about 36 when you're done filing.)

Sue is doing well, thank you for asking. A West Haven snow plow turned her car into a snow drift with speakers, so she had to buy a new purple car (formerly leased by Barney); she is re-engaged to the guy she was engaged to when we last talked, which I found engaging; and her sister, who's a nun, got married.

All that occurred in only 37 moons. (Jupiter has gotten further away. It moves fast.)

I relayed events from my life: new job, new car, traffic warning for driving through a yellow light.

(Yes, I was officially warned about driv-

ing through a yellow light—remember, I live in Northford, a farm town in which the biggest news story of the year has been a cow that wandered onto a frozen pond looking for fresh grass [a few megabytes short of a hard drive, if you ask me] and fell through the ice. The cow had to be airlifted out, and then protesters spray-painted "Cow Killers" on the farmer's barn. The way I look at it is: At least now the steak is pre-frozen. I don't know what the protesters' beef was, but they milked it for all it was worth. Okay, enough with the cheesy cow jokes. They're inappropriate, I know. Utterly inappropriate.)

Seeing her again (Sue, not the cow) was, in a certain way, a test of our friendship.

Sometimes when long-separated friends reunite, they use half their time fighting off clumsy pauses, usually by asking "So, what's new?" approximately 4,700 times. Then they grow afraid of silence.

Other times when long-separated friends reunite, the only fighting is for time. Fighting for time in which to tell one more story. Fighting against time and fighting for time, and hoping that now time will be on their side. Sue and I talked until 4:30 the next morning. We were fighting time, and winning.

However, the Fear of Silence is probably the major reason why reuniting with Sue took 38 moons. (It moves *very* fast.)

Fear of Silence would probably admit to the crime of keeping many old friends apart longer, or apart forever. Fear is difficult to face, even more difficult to overthrow. But if finding an old friend is the prize, then find a way to win.

Memories come and go, but friends can live forever.

Letters to the Editor...

COMING OUT TO OPEN EYES AND MINDS

Dear Editor,

Last week, I opened the *Spectrum* to see that finally an article was written about an issue that seems to be overlooked at SHU. The article I saw was "Does Homophobia Exist at SHU?" by Laurie Freddino.

The answer to that question, as stated in the article and by my own personal experience, is yes. Being a student at SHU, I have heard and seen things that are very homophobic. I have seen the word "faggot" written on the windshield of a car and have heard people make ignorant and hateful comments about homosexuals. Yes, even in the *Spectrum* on the page before the article the word "queer" was used.

Little do the people know who say and write this ignorance and hate that it may affect someone who may be their friend, administrator, professor or, on a more personal note, their brother, sister or their relative.

Here at SHU, it is hard for me not to speak out when someone I know makes a derogatory com-

ment about gays. Little do these people know that their friend, former R.A., and student is gay and has been through hell identifying that the difference I have always felt was as simple as being gay. I not only hear this ignorance and hate from the people I know and care about but from society as well. On TV, in the papers, on the radio and from the average Joe on the street, I hear this and say nothing. I've said nothing because of the fear of being found out, the fear of having my friends desert me, the fear of being discriminated against, and the fear of being beaten for something that is not my choice and has been a part of society since the beginning of time.

I am no longer going to be silent. When I hear a derogatory comment, I will respond in the way I choose with no fear of people finding out. I will respond without hesitation because my friends, professors, administrators, family, and the average Joe will know what I have been keeping a secret for years, and that secret is that I am gay.

Keith Hudson

Write a letter to
the Editor... Share
your opinions

Ride Home Safely with Men's Lacrosse

Beginning Friday, March 1, the Men's Lacrosse team will be offering students a safe ride home from the Sports page and the Silver Star, in order to prevent them from drinking and driving. The service will run on Friday and Saturdays from 11 p.m. until 3 a.m. and the phone number is 371-7954

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FEATURES

Tour guide with sunshine smile

By Cheryl Casey
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On and on runs the treadmill, its timer counting steadily toward the intended goal of 30 minutes. I glance in sweating agony at the distance I've yet to run before I turn my eyes back to the uninspiring, drab gray wall in front of me.

Suddenly, a hand grazes my shoulder.

Turning my head only enough so as not to lose my balance and concentration, I meet the gaze of the soft brown eyes of my roommate, Jennifer Torres. She is conducting a tour for her work study. Her smile, a slice of Puerto Rican sunshine, brightens up my otherwise wearisome workout.

I watch her patiently lead the group into the machine room, explaining the availability of the weight room as they move. Her enthusiasm, illustrated by the motions of her hands as she speaks, captivates her audience.

A prospective student pipes up with a question. "Is it free?" Jen's face turns serious and thoughtful as she listens, then



A smiling Jennifer Torres (middle) poses with suitemates (left) Joy Sison and (right) Kim LeFebvre.

Contributed photo

breaks out into a knowledgeable grin as she offers a response.

"Everything on campus is free with your student ID," she says.

The tour of the weight room over, she steps aside at the door to allow the group to pass through first. With a quick wave and "See you later!" thrown in my direction, she vanishes up the stairs.

Jennifer Tamara Torres, a 19-yr. old from Aguada, Puerto Rico, is highly regarded by the Admis-

sions Office as a tour guide. Kim LeFebvre, the student tour guide coordinator, said, "She's one of our best tour guides and we always get compliments about her. She interacts very well with the prospective students."

Jen's personality isn't left behind at the Admissions Office at the end of the tour. Six students share an apartment with her at Jefferson Hill and experience the zest and liveliness she can bring into life. Lori Corbet, a junior

history major from Middlebury, Conn., admits to being impressed with how sociable and outgoing Jen is. "Jen is considerate and always makes time for you," Lori said.

"She likes to take the time to fill you in on *everything*!" laughed Lori. "She definitely made me feel comfortable the quickest," she added.

Jen chose Sacred Heart "because it was a small school close to my sisters. If I was going to go far away from home, I'd want to stay close to someone!" Jen's two sisters live only 45 minutes away in Meriden.

Besides working for the Admissions Office, Jen likes to spend her time watching *Friends* or *New York Undercover*.

She is also a member of La Hispanidad, Residence Hall Association, and is an associate member of Delta Phi Kappa. When not reading her favorite book, *Bridges of Madison County*, she loves to watch Antonio Sabato, Jr. and eat pork chops with rice.

As a Spanish major, Jen insists that she enjoys her Spanish classes the most. However, she

is intrigued by her psychology classes with Dr. Thomas Hicks, her favorite professor.

Jen's zeal for being a tour guide stems from her ability to interact well with people. "I like sharing my thoughts about the school. The fact that I might have an impact on people's decisions about schools makes me happy," she explained.

Thinking back to the tours she has conducted, Jen fondly recalled a family she encountered last semester. "They were so awesome, asking me so many questions," she recollected. The most memorable part about that tour was the parent's reactions to signs left around the residence halls.

"On the girls' floor, there was a sign that said 'Please flush the toilet' on a bathroom door," she said. "The mother's eyes just opened wide as she laughed. I had to explain, 'It's college!'"

No one who knows Jen could dispute her loyalty as a friend and her sincerity and vivacity as a person.

With Jen brightening up Connecticut, Puerto Rico is suffering a slightly dimmer sky.

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LCE recycles textbooks

By Kelley Dennings
The Technician
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When the fall semester ended, many students traded in their textbooks for a lot less than they paid for them at local bookstores.

The only thing worse than getting next to nothing for your book is finding out that the bookstore does not even want to buy it back because new editions have been published or the professor has changed books.

These books usually end up in the trash or as door stops.

But thanks to the Lorax Environmental Club at North Carolina State, unwanted textbooks

now can be relocated to a place where they will be appreciated.

Club members have collected some of the books that students could not sell and no longer wanted after the semester

LEC will distribute the books to a number of places that will be happy to use them.

ended.

"We plan to donate most of the textbooks that have been collected to high schools, correctional institutions or libraries," said LEC President Steve Garrett.

"It is a shame to see so many books go unused. Some students may keep their textbooks for ref-

erence material, but other only throw their old textbooks away."

Hillsborough Street Bookstore worked with the LEC to collect the textbooks this past semester.

"They put a box next to their buy-back table and explained to students that they could choose to recycle their old books," said Afsaneh Pirzadeh, a club member.

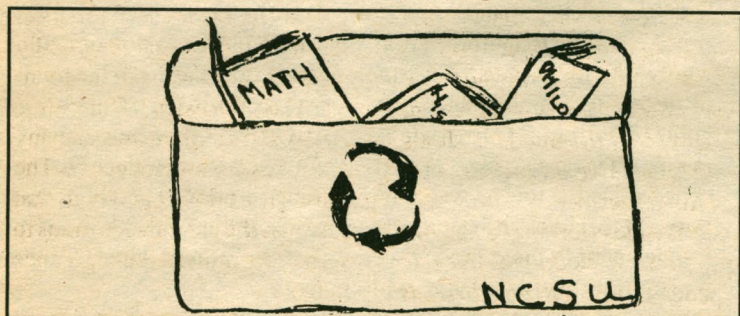
Pirzadeh said the club did not get all the textbooks that the Hillsborough Street Bookstore refused to buy back.

"Some students chose to keep their books or tried to see if other bookstores would buy them back," Pirzadeh said.

Vice President Todd Padenich said the club categorized the collected books over winter break and then created a committee to contact local high schools and other places that could use the old textbooks.

"This semester we collected between 50 and 60 textbooks," Garrett said.

"Next semester we hope to incorporate other surrounding bookstores in recycling old textbooks."



Gen X fights stereotypes

By Rob Sawicki
Contributing Writer

When discussing Generation X, the question is what is being said about them?

The answers depend on who you talk to.

Ask baby boomers about Generation X and you will hear words like "slackers" or "whiners" being used to describe Gen. X.

Gen-Xers are quite aware of these stereotypes.

"Older people always look at us like all we do is whine and moan and complain, and don't want to do anything," says Jennifer Wilcox, a sophomore physical therapy major from Pittsfield, Mass.

"They always stereotype us," says Greg Hudson, a junior accounting major from Milford, Conn.

Advertising is a good example of the stereotypes of Gen-Xers.

"Generation X is viewed by advertisers as a generation of people who don't want to do anything or wear anything that's

popular," says Mary Alexander, a media studies professor who specializes in advertising. Alexander adds, "The outcome of this has been advertisers tripping over themselves to make the unpopular popular."

Alexander notes a distinct stereotype about Generation X has been more distinct in the field of marketing than in a recent ad for the New Jersey State Lottery's instant scratch-off game "Win For Life."

If you can win you will receive \$1,000 per week until you die. The ad says, "Hey Generation X, just think that means you can make \$52,000 a year without getting out of bed."

Indeed stereotypes are a big part of any generation.

Daniel Strong, in a column in the New York Times, says that as a member of Generation X, he is disturbed by "the fact that after this country's long and painful history with stereotypes, such images are still being created."

Strong takes exception to the Gen X stereotypes.

"Just try finding anyone in his or her 20s who wants to be called a Gen-Xer," he writes.

But Strong admits that stereotypes are not exclusive to Generation X.

"Out of sheer will to believe in a common American Experience, we maintain that an entire previous generation went to Woodstock, although the attendance figures tell us otherwise," he says.

So, who is the real Generation X?

If you ask most Xers, they'll tell you there is no real Generation X.

Just many different individuals that happen to make up one generation.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

Compiled by Michele Herrmann

International Club

This is the final week to hand in applications for the International Gala. Today is the due date for them. Any students interested in performing a dance or creating a exhibit are welcome to apply.

La Hispanidad

La Hispanidad is meeting today at 10 a.m. in S211. All students are welcome to attend.

Pre-Med Club

The Pre-Med Club is meeting today at 4:45 p.m. in N201. Students majoring in pre-med are welcome to attend.

Environmental Club

The Environmental Club is meeting Mondays at 4:30 p.m. in the Mahogany Room. All students are welcome to attend.

Student Nurses' Association

Sacred Heart University's Student Nurses' Association is meeting on Monday, Mar. 4 at 11 a.m. in room N205. The meeting is open to students interested in majoring in Nursing as well as RN-BSN students. For information, contact Matthew Browning at 378-4251.

Habitat for Humanity

SHU's chapter of Habitat for Humanity along with the El Salvador Project is having a newspaper drive today at these listed times: 8 to 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The collection site is located behind the Ryan-Matura library.

Language Tables

Studying French or Italian? Practice at the language tables on Mondays from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Mahogany Room.

Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry is making the sacrament of Reconciliation available for students, faculty and staff who would like to receive it. Call Campus Ministry at 371-7840 to schedule a time for confession. Appointments only. Campus Ministry is also having "Stories of Women of the Hebrew Scriptures" presented by Diane Crehan on Monday at 8 p.m. in the Chapel.

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Lent brings about good deeds

By Gina Norelli
Assistant Features Editor

On Ash Wednesday, Catholics all over the world began a 40 day spiritual cleansing called Lent in preparation for Easter.

Lent is a season that calls us to celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death as well as to recall his sufferings and do penance for our sins. In essence, it is a somber time to think seriously about our faith and our lives and transform ourselves into better Christians.

During Lent, we often give up a food that we like such as chocolate or candy, or give up something that has become a habit such as drinking or smoking for the 40 days. This requires a great deal of self-control and discipline.

Nick Pascucci, a sophomore from Waterbury, Conn. majoring in computer science, gave up a type of food that he is fond of. "I gave up sweets because I am trying to cut down on what I eat. I usually eat just one a day, but because it's Lent, I have given them up com-



A mosaic of Jesus located in the Ryan-Matura Library. It was kept in storage at Sacred Heart Church in Bridgeport before being salvaged by Fr. Fletcher, a former professor at SHU.

pletely."

Even though the fasting rules of Lent have become less strict than they were some years ago, when people used to eat nothing but the bare minimum, Catholics still refrain from eating meat (with the exception of fish and dairy items) on Fridays during Lent, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday (which is the day of the crucifixion of Jesus).

According to Father Michael McLernon, fasting goes back to ancient Hebrew times. "It has been a part of ancient traditions for millennia. Christianity inherited it from the Jews," he says.

This tradition originated because by depriving oneself of meat, there was little left to choose from besides bread and water.

According to Gordon Truitt, who wrote the article "A Virtue of Necessity," our fasting is symbolic of caring. "Our extended fast is an incarnate sign of concern for justice for the weak, the poor, the forgotten and oppressed. As we share in their experience, we come to feel solidarity with them—we awaken to their needs and troubles and hopefully come to join with them in their struggle."

Some Catholics give up meat

altogether during the Lenten season, while others give up red meat.

Kathy Hippeli, a first-year student from Milford, Conn., says, "I am giving up red meat because I am trying to lose weight and I think it will help."

Another form of penance, for those who may feel uncomfortable with the negative image of giving up something, is to develop something that is missing from their life—perhaps volunteering at a soup kitchen or donating food and clothing to the poor or praying more often.

Rudy Cinzani, a first-year computer science major from Floral Park, NY, has decided to do something important. "I am going to go to church every Sunday," he says.

"I prefer to do something," says Tricia Pasley, a lay minister who works in the Campus Ministry Office. "People associate lent with what you give up. Giving up things is just one part of it, not the whole thing. Other ways to prepare are prayer, almsgiving and service."

Lent ends on Easter Sunday, a festival of spring when Christians rejoice because Jesus has risen from the dead.

Are women less likely to speak up in class?

By Becky Peterson
The California Aggie
University of California-Davis

Ever notice that woman sitting next to you in class, the one who does not participate in class discussions, or who tries to talk but is not recognized by the instructor? Her problem may be more than just a case of the nerves.

According to University of California-Davis Women's Resources and Research Center Director Robin Whitmore, many female students' reluctance to speak up in class is a result of years of subtle discrimination.

"By the time a female student comes to college, she has experienced 12 years in a classroom setting," she said. "Her behavior becomes a patterned and unconscious."

Whitmore said that even in classes with mostly female students, men are often given more speaking time proportionally.

The classroom environment may encourage male-dominated participation, Whitmore said.

"Classrooms are set up to be more competitive, and men are comfortable with that kind of situation," she said.

"Women wait and take time to process information and formulate their answers—clearly, there are exceptions to

the rule."

Whitmore added that women's methods for answering questions differ from those of men.

"Women tend to raise their hands while men are more willing to shout out answers, which means there are more male responses," she said.

UCD sophomore Tuwana Peters said that she sees this type of behavior occurring in some of her classes.

"Women are more respectful and don't blurt out," she said. "Often women will try to speak up, but the teacher will call on guys."

According to UCD Italian lecturer Jay Grossi, women speak up as much as men in class.

"In my class, it seems to be pretty equal," he said. "Often women are more talkative than men because I find they study more."

Some people are nervous and need additional encouragement, Grossi said.

"I try not to intimidate students, but it's important for them to try and talk, especially in language class," he said. "If they are prepared and confident, it's easier to lead them into discussion."

UCD senior Jason Lurie agreed that a person's willingness to participate in class depends on self-confidence.

"It's just personality—some

people are less inclined to attract attention to themselves," he said.

Lurie added that he did not notice whether men spoke more than women in class, but that instructors tend to call on some students more than others.

"It always seems to be the same people who talk in class," he said. "In most classes, the same people speak up, and of those, at least half are women."

Instructors can help to create discussions in which there is equal gender representation, according to Whitmore.

"Teachers should make it clear that students reply to questions by raising their hands," she said. "Give more positive feedback to students and make sure to use inclusive language and ex-

amples that aren't gender-biased."

"Susan," a UCD teaching assistant who preferred to remain anonymous, said that she pays careful attention to people who are less likely to participate.

"I ask to hear from people who haven't said anything yet in class," she said.

"I think teachers should work on trying to create an environment in which people feel safe in expressing their opinions."

Female students need to assert themselves more in class, she said.

"Set up your own boundaries and agree to discuss issues, but not to be attacked," she said.

"It's a brave act to get your voice out there, but at the same time, it's really important because

you're representing all women."

Peters said she advises students to participate and get all they can out of a class.

"Try to be more open and more assertive so you can be as educated and well-trained as possible—get more for what you're paying for," she said.

Male students should also be aware of any classroom discrimination, Whitmore said.

"When women don't talk, men also lose because they don't benefit from another way of thinking," she said.

"Men as well as women should observe the classroom setting and approach the instructor with problems."



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ARTS & LIFESTYLES

Senior painting exhibit comes to SHU

Three students with a chance to shine

Theresa Hickey
Staff Writer

Three seniors, Lucia Minondo, Bob Abric and Irene Domogala will be presenting their

works framed, sending out invitations, publicizing the show, on top of creating the art. They were assisted by Assistant Gallery Director Jeff Smith, as well as Professor Virginia Zil.

The artists not only supplied

expression.

Lucia Minondo is an international student from Guatemala. She is presenting "Reviving Morandi" in the upcoming show. Minondo studied painter Giorgio Morandi's paintings in Italy for one year.

This study inspired a new technique for Minondo: she invites the onlooker to commune with the painting and discover the "interrelationship of images."

For senior Irene Domogala, the Senior Painting Exhibit is a practical way to help show the youth of today how a formal education can open windows of opportunity.

Her accomplishments include an associate degree in the arts at Housatonic Community Technical College. She also has an avid interest in the world surrounding her. She enjoys reading and visiting museums and art galleries.

Domogala's work is entitled, "Conversions... from 3 to 2 Dimensions." Her paintings are representations of clay pots, some of which are originals.

Domogala has used these still life models to portray their individual shapes, as well as their relationships to each other.

Robert Abric is the third senior participating in the exhibit. According to his press release, his series of oil paintings, entitled "Visions from Turtle Island," depict aspects of Native American culture beginning after white contact.

There are abstract paintings as well as realistic ones. The realistic portraits are of historical figures.

personal interpretations of incidents affecting the Native American Culture."

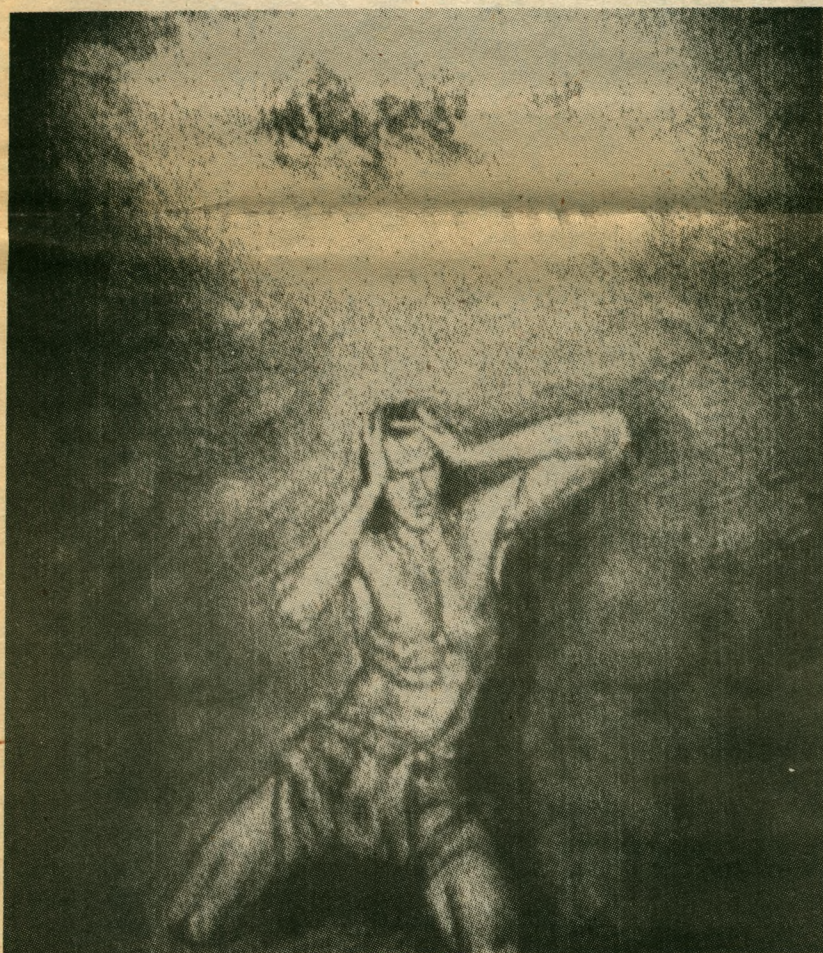
Minondo, Irene Domogala and Robert Abric will be able to display their work.

As senior year closes in on these art majors, they have had a chance not only to display their materials, but also to get the experience needed to put on their own show at any art gallery.

The students here at SHU have been able to reclaim the use of The Gallery of Contemporary Art. Now these artists need the support of the community.

Attend the reception or just visit the gallery and gaze upon the work of our peers.

Remember the Senior Art Exhibit from Mar. 3-13 in The Gallery of Contemporary Art.



"Visions from Turtle Island" by Bob Abric

works of art at the Senior Painting Exhibit. The show spans from Mar. 3-13 and will be held in The Gallery of Contemporary Art here at SHU.

An opening reception will be held on Mar. 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. Students, faculty, family and community members are invited to attend.

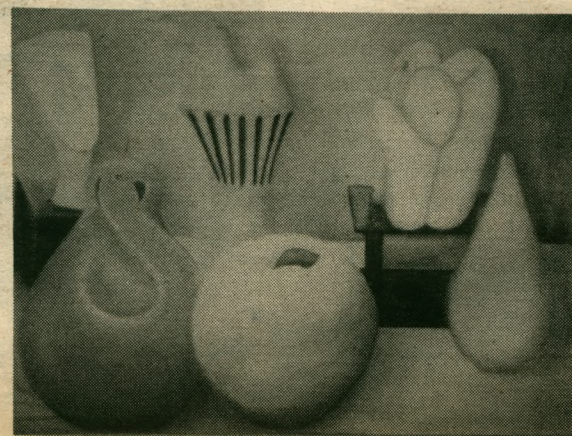
The seniors participating in the exhibit have been preparing for this event since Nov. '95. After three months of hard work, participant Irene Domogala commented that she feels more confident and prepared now, to do a single artist show.

Every detail of the show was handled by the artists. The students had to cover every aspect of the show including getting their

the paintings for the exhibit, but they also displayed still life models, etchings and other tools of



Lucia Minondo at work on a painting in preparation for the upcoming show



Art work from Irene Domogala

ures. The paintings also include, as Abric states in his release, "more

After grueling amounts of time and effort, seniors Lucia



"Whirlwind" by Bob Abric

Equestrians set to host first ever show

Team goes above and beyond to show that they are not average athletes

By Jonathan McCarthy
Editor-In-Chief

One would think that waking up at 4 a.m. and competing all day long on a Sunday would be a huge sacrifice for any college athlete. However for Sacred Heart Equestrians, it just might be the easiest part of their overall commitment.

Since its creation in 1992 the team has contributed to the University not only as a successful athletic program, but as an organization that has been an asset to the surrounding community. Now as the team prepares to host its first Intercollegiate Horse Show, it is showing all of New England what it means to be part of a winning program.

This Sunday, the Sacred Heart Equestrian team will host an Intercollegiate Equestrian competition that will feature over 100 of the area's top riders, including alumni from each participating school. Twelve colleges from New England, including Fairfield and Yale will meet in this IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association) competition.

In 1994 the team was put under the direction of Mrs. Maureen Lutz. As Coordinator of the Equestrian program, Lutz is responsible for the overall operation of equestrian activities, including training, competition, student-athlete monitoring, public relations and team recruitment.

"It is important to realize the strength, both mentally and physically, it takes to be an athlete in this program. It is by no means an easy task to ride a horse," said Lutz who believes the women in her program are some of the best members of the university community. "As a Sacred Heart Equestrian, you must have a constant dedication to the program in all forms, which includes competition as well as community service."

The community service that is required is done through the Pegasus program of Fairfield County. Pegasus is a non-profit therapeutic riding program for people with disabilities. Two hundred people with disabilities are enrolled in the program and there is a long waiting list.



Equestrian rider Tara Auch brings her horse over fences in recent competition. The Equestrian team will bring Intercollegiate Show riding to Sacred Heart this Sunday at Easton's Lion Hill Farm.

Upon her appointment as coordinator, Lutz suggested that Sacred Heart riders volunteer at Pegasus' Easton Chapter at Lion Hill Farm, the riding center that Sacred Heart uses for team practices.

"They all agreed to do it," said Lutz. "The only thing that keeps the students from going is classes." Members of the team believe it is one of the best things any team has ever done. "It is very fulfilling to help with Pegasus. It is such an easy way to have fun and the smiles that you receive make it such a positive thing," said sophomore rider Megan Connors.

The sport as a whole has become increasingly popular. According to the *New York Times*, in 1992, 27 million people ride horses in the United States. Horse sports draw more than 110 million spectators annually and there are over 7,000 sanctioned horse shows per year. As far as the University goes, the increased number of equestrian applications indicates

that this program is fast becoming one of the most popular athletic offerings at Sacred Heart.

There are many things that make the equestrian program at Sacred Heart special. The two most prominent would be the training the athletes receive and the training facility at which they ride.

"The change that has occurred over the past three years in this program is the most amazing thing I have ever been a part of," said junior Clare Cardo who has been riding for the University since 1993. The change is believed to be due to the excitement and care that Lutz and her staff put into the all the teams endeavors.

During competitions Lutz is assisted by her husband, Mr. Peter Lutz Sr. and Ms. Ruth Manfredi, the former coach of the Vassar Equestrian Team. Regular training is done by Ms. Sara Dalton Morris, one of the most experienced and popular riding instructors in Connecticut and the former director of the Kent School Equestrian Program. Special training is provided through clinics with Mr. Peter Lutz Jr., 1991 Maclay and USET Medal Champion, and with Ms. Mary Joan Manfredi, 1991 USET Medal Finalist.

"Mr. and Mrs. Lutz are two very positive role models. They are very motivational and supportive. They're the reason we have achieved so much so far," said Connors. "They are all very giving people," said freshman rider Laurie Berube.

At Lion Hill, the Sacred Heart Equestrians enjoy one of the finest facilities in Connecticut. Over the past year, the indoor ring has undergone complete renovation

and now has a large heated viewing area, ample lighting and state-of-the-art riding surface.

Due to the success of the program and the quality of the facility, Sacred Heart University has been named host college for the 1997 United States International Intercollegiate Nations Cup.

As for the team, it is preparing to do well in its first-ever hosted show. "It is our opportunity to show everyone, especially the university community, how well we can host such an event," believes Lutz. The team is coming off a tremendous showing at the Yale show last week. In that show the team placed second as a whole and also featured high-point rider of the day in Kristen Lutz.

Already this season, eight of twenty one riders have qualified for regional competition. "We

hope to have half the team competing regionally by the end of the season," said Lutz. The team has been recognized nationally in competition for the past two years by Shelly Lyford in 1994 and by Amy Spaulding in 1995.

What makes intercollegiate equestrian competition so unique is that the riders draw for the horse they will ride. The host college provides the mounts and, thanks to Lion Hill Farm's owner Mr. John Shepherd, there will be an exceptional group of horses from which to choose this Sunday.

Lion Hill Farm is located just seven miles from campus and a shuttle bus will run from 7:30 in the morning until 3:30 in the afternoon to provide members of the university community with the opportunity to witness the sport at its best.



Above and Right: All work and no play? Never. Members of the SHU Equestrian team at recent shows.

Women's hockey end season at 2-5

by Michelle Covelluzzi
Sports Writer

Under most circumstances, a 2-5 won-lost record would elicit few words of praise. But for Sacred Heart University's first-year women's ice hockey team, a pair of victories mean a great deal.

Few expected a new program composed of primarily inexperienced players to win anything. Instead, the Lady Pioneers upended Boston University, 5-4, and Smith College, 9-0, in their maiden season.

"The first year was great," says Coach Dave LaLiberty. "It exceeded my expectations."

Despite a late start on the ice and the inexperience of most team members, the Lady Pioneers "worked hard and had fun while doing it," notes Coach LaLiberty.

"We ended on a good note," says Christy Palmer, a freshman defenseman from Auburn, N.H. "We started from scratch, and, at times it was frustrating."

Palmer was particularly frustrated with herself. "After every game," she says, "I would be mad at myself. I felt I could do better."

Palmer, who was the team's most skillful player and its leading scorer (with over 10 goals), has been playing ice hockey since she was five years old. She is currently looking into summer camps to practice on her game in the off-season. "It was a tough season. It was hard playing with people who never played before," she admits.

Junior forward Jen Ford, from East Boston, agrees. "Not that many of us played before, but we stuck together and helped each other out," she says.

"I don't think our record shows how much improvement we really made," says junior center Melissa Marino, from Milan, N.H. "From the first practice 'til the last game, we progressed a lot as a team."

In its debut, a 10-3 defeat against an experienced Wesleyan squad on December 13, SHU seemed tentative at times. But the

team displayed improved play and a sense of togetherness as the season progressed.

Now that this first season has ended, Coach LaLiberty and the Lady Pioneers are looking forward to next season. "Next season will be much better," says Ford. "We know now what's to be expected. We'll have more players with the recruits — and more experience. It'll definitely help us."

An earlier start for the team next season will also help. They will be back on the ice in October, instead of December as was the case this season, to prepare for their new 20-game schedule.

The women's ice hockey team is now a member of the Eastern College Athletic Conference Alliance, a 12-member conference made up of mostly Division III and club teams.

"The girls made a new group of friends and found a new activity," says Coach LaLiberty. But probably most important, this team "created something that didn't exist before" at Sacred Heart.

Hockey: Icemen end season with a tie

couple of three point shots were made in an attempt to bring SHU back from the dead.

With four minutes to go in the game, the Pioneers were able to cut Southern's lead to only two points, but that's where it ended. "We were able to make a strong comeback, but Southern made the big shots in the final minutes of the game, and we just couldn't convert," said Doyle.

With the ending of a season, thoughts occur in players' minds

about what they could have done differently or better. This year's squad is no different from any other team.

"I wish we could have played more consistently throughout the year. We would beat good teams in our conference, and then we'd lose to the not so good teams in our conference," said Vulin.

Vulin's teammate Doyle feels the same way. "We should have beat some of the teams that we lost

to. We just didn't play up to the level that we could have in some games."

The future is a different story for these players. "We have a lot of younger players coming back that are really going to make an impact within the next couple of years. We'll see what happens," said Doyle.

The Pioneers ended up with a final record of 13-14, not what was expected. Maybe next year.

Basketball: Cagers end on a sour note

was ours."

The Gaels were able to slap in one more goal, but it didn't make any difference, because late in the third period Yackmack stole the puck from an Iona forward and brought it down the ice and unselfishly passed the puck to freshman Tony Cabana for a goal and the nail in the coffin, making the final score 4-2.

Worcester State proved to be a different kind of game for the Pioneers. This was a team who they were supposed to beat, and if

it wasn't for the lackluster last minute of play, the win column would have one more victory.

Yackmack knows that there was a breakdown in his team's level of play at the end of the game. "It was an overall average performance, but we didn't play 60 minutes of hockey. We let up two goals in the last minute making it a 5-5 tie. We should have won that game."

Mental errors definitely brought the Pioneers to a so-so ending of a season. "We gave in,

we took them lightly, and the final score shows the final outcome of those mental misgivings," said Yackmack.

The men's ice hockey team ended 11-11-2, an improvement over last year's 10-14 record, but Yackmack sees an even brighter future. "We're losing some talented seniors, like Brian Riva, Doug Sylvestri, and Chris Baker, but if the underclassmen step up like I know they can, and if Bill Sawyer keeps playing like he has, then the possibilities are endless," said Yackmack.

Zig on Sports

By Keith Zingler

Corruption in big-time college athletics no longer surprises anyone. That in itself is a sad but true statement. The NCAA has become as respected as a Don King production.

Kerry Kittles has become the latest villain/victim of college basketball. The Villanova superstar has been suspended for the rest of the regular season for phone violations. The real tragedy isn't that Kittles received a suspension, it is the public's reaction. Kittles suspension surprised no one. In fact people were more surprised by the fact that more players aren't suspended for similar violations. The NCAA is viewed as an institution where superstars run wild and coaches aren't held responsible.



The University of Miami football team is paying the price for years of abusing the system. While the current players and coaches serve the fines, Jimmy Johnson, Dennis Erickson and a host of former Miami players reap the rewards of the NFL. The real violators jumped ship and left the mess to innocent coaches and players. This process isn't fair. The NCAA must find a way to punish the guilty. A lifetime suspension from all NCAA sponsored events sounds fair to me.

We must blame the coaches, but don't be so quick to blame the players. They are the ones who are exploited. Everyone is making money off big-time college sports. The networks make millions. The schools and the coaches make thousands of dollars. What do the players get?

The great ones get million dollar professional contracts. The average player gets a lifetime of memories that won't pay the rent. This is not fair. To further complicate the system, the players can't hold jobs during the season. It is okay for universities to fly these kids all around the country, make them practice 2 and 1/2 hours a day and require them to attend 12 hours of classes a week. The player's reward for all of this hard work is nights of hunger because they don't have enough money to buy a midnight pizza. The NCAA can't plead ignorance to the situation anymore. Most of these kids come from poor environments. If they want to send college recruiters into the ghettos and slums of America, they must be prepared to help these kids when they arrive on college campuses. Theories and ideals won't fill a belly. Gamblers and agents will.

Would you allow your place of work to use you as a spokesperson, without compensating you? UConn doesn't pay Ray Allen for his services in promoting the school. Could you work in an office where your talents are exploited and only management makes money off your services? College football and basketball players do.

The NCAA is a slave-holding institution. They control every aspect of these young men's and women's college athletic careers. They forbid agents, but in essence they act as player agents. They control eligibility when players transfer, tell them who can and can't buy them dinner, and even who these players can and can't associate with.

The whole institution is a hypocrisy. They try to keep the game at an amateur level, while making pro size money. The decision must be made. Either give up profits for the integrity of the game, or allow the players to make money. They can't have it both ways.

Years ago it was ruled that professional sports team owners had exploited their players. Isn't it time for the NCAA to realize the same thing?

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Sacred Heart University Pioneers

SPECTRUM SPORTS



Dream season over

Lady Pioneers fall to Albany 74-67

By Megan Keefe
Sports Writer

This season, the Sacred Heart University women's basketball team chose to live by the three-pointer. Why not? As a team, the Lady Pioneer's shot 34.1 percent from behind the arc, leading to a best-ever 20-6 record during the regular season.

But SHU forgot that sometimes when you live by the trey, you can also die by the trey. Last Sunday, Albany gave the Lady Pioneers a taste of their own medicine.

With 2:11 remaining and third-seeded Sacred Heart trailing 66-64 after climbing out of a 65-50 deficit, sixth-seeded Albany's 5-foot-8 junior guard Samantha Ginsburg buried an uncontested 3-pointer from the left wing. Her shot ended SHU's dramatic comeback and dream season, giving the Lady Danes a 69-64 lead en route to a satisfying 74-67 upset in the first round of the New England

Collegiate Conference playoffs.

"I thought we had it, but when she hit that shot it was all over," said 6-2 senior center and tri-captain Denise Schatz.

SHU didn't help itself either, shooting just 19 percent (4-21) from the three-point range and 37 percent (25-68) from the field to Albany's 51 percent.

In two previous meetings with the Lady Danes, Sacred Heart came out on top, 71-60 and 64-38. So when Albany came to campus last Sunday, the Lady Pioneers expected nothing different, especially with a 12-1 home record. "It goes to show you that you can't just step on the court and win," said Coach Ed Swanson, who was voted NECC coach of the year for leading Sacred Heart to its finest season.

SHU jumped to an early 11-2 lead, but Albany took advantage of three straight Lady Pioneer turnovers to pull ahead, 15-14, on a pair of foul shots, with 10:47 left in the first half. The Lady Danes refused to look back, heading into

the locker room leading 41-37.

The beginning of the second half proved much the same story for Sacred Heart, which continued to commit turnovers, force shots and play lackluster defense. "We played flat. Our shots didn't fall and they played an all-around solid game," said sophomore guard Chrissie Perkins, who scored a game-high 21 points.

SHU showed a semblance of life with 6:32 remaining. Trailing 65-50, Perkins hit a three-pointer to ignite a Lady Pioneer 14-1 run, stringing together rebounds, jumpers, steals and breakaways to pull within 66-64. Chrissie and Angela Perkins combined for all but one point during the late surge, with Chrissie netting seven and Angela six. But three missed three-point attempts coupled with the Lady Danes' accuracy at the foul line ended SHU's season.

"Our season didn't end the way it was supposed to end," added freshman guard Jen Rimkus. "But it doesn't take away from our year. I'm proud to be a part of it."



Junior Beth Huber drives past an Albany opponent

Photo by Chris Nicholson

Men's basketball bows out early in NECC Tournament

By Joe Collett
Sports Editor

It's over. The fat lady has sung. The men's basketball team ended their season by losing in the first round of the NECC Tournament Wednesday night to the Owls of Southern Connecticut 82-69.

NECC Player of the Year and senior captain Kevin Vulin was disappointed in the outcome of Wednesday's game. "I really hoped that we could have done better, but Southern just out-played us."

Junior guard Joe Doyle felt the pressure of the Owl's intense defense. "Their pressure defense really hurt us early, and the deficit was just too great to make up."

Vulin, one of the only bright spots for the Pioneers this season, put up his usual numbers of 22 points and 10 rebounds. Vulin's teammate Doyle also contributed to the score by throwing in 16 points and six assists.

The Pioneers staged a comeback in the second half of play. A

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Freshman guard #10 Shawn Jones puts in a layup

Photo by Chris Nicholson

Icemen end with .500 record

By Joe Collett
Sports Editor

On one hand the men's ice hockey team beat Iona, a team that they have never beaten in the the squad's three year history, and on the other hand they tied their final game to Worcester State, a team that they should have beaten.

The Pioneers were able to pull a win past the Gaels of Iona 4-2. The icemen have never beaten Iona and this was a new feeling for the Pioneer's team captain junior Jon Yackmack. "It was a big win. We've never beaten Iona. Losing five times previously and pulling out this win really helps our program's legitimacy."

Yackmack also knows that if he and the rest of his teammates play at the level that they are capable, anything can happen. "It just shows that we can beat good teams when we play our game," said Yackmack.

The Pioneers were the first to score in this record setting victory by putting two goals in the first period. Senior Doug Sylvestri put the first goal in the net with teammate freshman Billy Demetriadas coming up second with a blast of a goal into Iona's mesh.

Iona came back though, and in the second period the Gaels were the only point scorers by driving one past Pioneer goaltender Bill Sayer, making the score after the second period 2-1 in favor of SHU.

The third period produced a goal by sophomore sensation Matt Iaricci on a power play. Yackmack, who recieved another check to his assists column on that goal, feels that Iaricci's goal set the pace for the rest of the game. "Iaricci's goal was the game winner for us. As soon as it went in, I knew that the game

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